

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING LISSA DRUSS FOR ENTERPRISING WOMEN MAGAZINE'S WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 31, 2022*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lissa Druss for being named Woman of the Year by Enterprising Women Magazine.

For more than 30 years, Lissa has established a powerful reputation as a highly seasoned communications strategist, crisis management leader, nine-time Emmy award-winning television journalist, media consultant, guest lecturer and client advisor. In her role as a consultant, she specializes in government affairs, crisis communications, municipal relations, media relations/training, corporate communications, communications strategy and social media.

During the 1990s, Lissa covered headline stories including the Persian Gulf War, the Oklahoma City bombing, the O.J. Simpson murder trial and the Chicago Bulls championships. Her clients include companies of all sizes, celebrities, municipalities and law enforcement agencies across the United States and, in some cases, the world. She has written and produced for news, entertainment and sports. She spent 21 years with CBS Television both in Chicago and Los Angeles and served as the executive producer, launching the Comcast SportsNet network in Chicago, San Francisco, Boston, and New York, winning her the 2009 Chicago Journalism Award in Sports.

In addition to this accomplishment as Woman of the Year, Lissa has been the recipient of the National 2019 Professional Women in Advocacy Award and the 2016 Filippo Mazzei Award for Excellence in Public Affairs. In 2018, she received one of the highest honors from the Italian government, the Knight of the Order of the Star of Italy, bestowed upon her by the President of the Italian Republic.

Madam Speaker, I would like to again, formally recognize Lissa Druss for being named Woman of the Year by Enterprising Women Magazine.

RECOGNIZING 2ND TIME SPORTS

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 31, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize 2nd Time Sports of Northglenn, Colorado for earning the City of Northglenn's People's Choice of the Year Award.

The People's Choice of the Year Award recognizes one business that has been chosen through an online popular vote for having the

best product or service and overall customer satisfaction. 2nd Time Sports is passionate about providing new and used sports equipment to consumers in the north metro area. With a focus on excellent customer service, 2nd Time Sports is a valued business in Northglenn.

Congratulations to 2nd Time Sports for receiving this award and I wish them all the best in the future. I thank them for their contribution to our community.

HONORING WORLD WAR II  
VETERAN JESUS VELA

**HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 31, 2022*

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and achievements of Mr. Jesus Vela, a World War II Army Veteran who celebrated his 100th birthday this past September.

Jesus Vela was born on September 16, 1922, in Rio Grande City, Texas. Shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he trained as a search light operator and infantry sharpshooter. As American forces advanced in the Pacific Theater, Mr. Vela participated in island-hopping efforts to establish airfields in the Central Pacific and further assisted with U.S. operations in Guam. He earned the World War II Victory Medal, the American Theatre Campaign Medal, and the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, and was honorably discharged at the rank of corporal in 1946.

In March of 1946, he married the love of his life, Guadalupe Garza, and had three children—Arnoldo, Ricardo, and Noelia. Mr. Vela entered the carpentry trade and has since enjoyed many wonderful memories with his family. He inspired his children to follow in his footsteps in serving our great country and becoming leaders of their respective communities.

Madam Speaker, please join me in commemorating the life of Mr. Jesus Vela. I would like to wish Mr. Vela happy 100th birthday. He has reached a milestone and I thank him for his service to our country and community. May God continue to bless and watch over him.

KF DEVELOPERS

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 31, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize KF Developers of Northglenn, Colorado for earning the City of Northglenn's Business Investment Award.

The Business Investment award recognizes one established business or Northglenn prop-

erty owner that has made major capital investments in equipment and/or facility improvements. KF Developers is passionate about transforming Karls Farm into a mixed-use development that commemorates the legacy of the dairy farm. With a focus on meeting the needs of the community, KF Developers is a valued developer in Northglenn.

Congratulations to KF Developers for receiving this award and I wish them all the best in the future. I thank them for their contribution to our community.

HONORING SHEILA MEYERS FOR  
HER DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC  
SERVICE

**HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 31, 2022*

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in proud recognition of Sheila Meyers, in honor of her distinguished service to the United States Postal Service, the United States Congress, and the American people.

A third-generation postal employee, Sheila began her illustrious postal career in 1979 as a Multi-Position Letter Machine Clerk in Seattle, Washington and subsequently ascended to critical positions in Customer Service, Mailing Requirements, Human Resources, Labor Relations, and ultimately, Government Relations—over 42 remarkable years of public service. Her enduring commitment to serving and advocating in support of our most trusted government institution and its dedicated workforce of more than 650,000 employees stands as a shining testament to the fundamental mission of the Postal Service to “provide postal services to bind the Nation together” and provide “prompt, reliable, and efficient services to patrons in all areas”—in every American community.

As a longstanding member of the Committee on Oversight and Reform, I can certainly attest to the breadth of experience, knowledge, integrity, and talent that Sheila brought to her position as the Postal Service's principal committee liaison during our consideration of postal reform legislation across several Congresses. To her great credit, both Democratic and Republican Members regularly received substantive agency briefings that significantly informed our understanding of Postal Service operations, services, infrastructure, and finances. I remain grateful for the consideration and insight that Sheila always extended to my office, and I am proud to have relied on her expertise as I joined bipartisan committee leaders in developing and enacting H.R.3076, the Postal Service Reform Act of 2022.

While Sheila may have retired from the Postal Service on April 29, 2022, I am quite certain that her more than four decades of dedication and hard work will be reflected and endure in the agency's service to the American people going forward.

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Madam Speaker, I congratulate Sheila on her exceptional career with the United States Postal Service and wish her a happy and blessed retirement.

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YVETTE KLINGER

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 31, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Yvette Klinger, The Anubis Emporium of Northglenn, Colorado for earning the City of Northglenn's Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

The Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award recognizes one student with an established business who either lives in Northglenn or attends a Northglenn (K-12) school and exemplifies an entrepreneurial spirit. The Anubis Emporium, founded by Yvette Klinger, is passionate about sharing art that customers will resonate with. With a focus on providing unique, creative products that display her digital art, Yvette Klinger—The Anubis Emporium is a valued business in Northglenn.

Congratulations to Yvette Klinger—The Anubis Emporium for receiving this award and I wish her all the best in the future. I thank her for her contribution to our community.

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TRIBUTE IN MEMORY OF BILL PATRICK

**HON. HAROLD ROGERS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 31, 2022*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of Bill Patrick, a tenacious public servant from Eastern Kentucky, a beloved leader of the Kentucky County Attorneys Association, and a champion for drug control policies and addiction recovery efforts in the Commonwealth.

Bill wore many hats with great success, serving in various public offices from Powell County to the state capital. He was magnanimous by nature and unafraid to effect change at an early age. When he was 26 years old, he was elected Powell County Judge Executive, courageously edging out a long-time incumbent to become the state's youngest top county executor at the time. Before his second term ended, Governor Wallace Wilkinson appointed him Commissioner of Local Government. However, his fast-paced victories didn't come without challenges. Bill valiantly battled alcoholism and spent a lifetime helping others do the same, offering his personal support through the 12-step recovery program and visiting individuals when their struggles intensified. He passionately shared his own testimony, planting seeds of hope where it was needed the most. Bill proudly earned his 21-year Alcoholics Anonymous Medallion just weeks before his battle with cancer proved to be too great a feat.

Even though we stood on opposite sides of the political aisle, Bill was a loyal friend and a stalwart partner for programs that would improve the future of Eastern Kentucky. As former Director of Kentucky's Office of Drug

Control Policy, he was one of Operation UNITE's greatest allies, working diligently to develop life-saving efforts to drive down drug overdose death rates across Kentucky. It was evident that his own recovery fueled his courage of conviction as he led this arena with tremendous gratitude and humility.

We lost this Kentucky gentleman far too soon, but Bill's family and friends should be proud of the legacy he leaves behind. My wife Cynthia and I extend our heartfelt condolences to the Patrick family and we pray for God's peace and comfort in the days ahead.

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RUBY JEAN PATISSERIE

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 31, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ruby Jean Patisserie of Northglenn, Colorado for earning the City of Northglenn's Home-Based Business of the Year Award.

The Home-Based Business of the Year Award recognizes a business operating from a Northglenn residence and exemplifies exceptional customer service and products. Ruby Jean Patisserie, owned and operated by Jennifer Essex, is dedicated to creating sweet delicacies with European techniques. With an emphasis on exceptional quality and giving back to the community, Ruby Jean Patisserie is a valued home-based business in Northglenn.

Congratulations to Ruby Jean Patisserie for receiving this award and I wish them all the best in the future. I thank them for their contribution to our community.

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HONORING MICHAEL TAYLOR OF SOUTH BOSTON

**HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 31, 2022*

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Michael Taylor of South Boston, who is retiring after a 50-year career in education, government, and human services: A lifelong resident of Boston, Michael has spent his career leading community, city-wide and governmental organizations, and institutions.

Michael's long career in the fields of education, government and human services began with his first assignment as a Community Organizer in the D Street Housing Development followed by his role as Administrative Coordinator at the Condon Community School and culminating in his retirement this past June as President of the Urban College of Boston (UCB).

Michael took on the responsibility as President of UCB at a time when the College was in great financial distress and on the verge of closing. Over the course of his nearly ten-year tenure, Michael built strategic partnerships with businesses and government and community organizations which solidified UCB as an effective and responsive minority serving institution. As President, Michael successfully ad-

vocated for the elimination of all student debt through 2021 and at no time during his presidency was tuition raised, helping many students afford their education without the burden of student loans. He also launched a first in the country initiative in which UCB students could become certified clinical research coordinators.

Michael himself graduated from Boston State College before receiving a Master's in Education from Harvard University. Michael served in the administrations of three of Boston's Mayors—Kevin White, Raymond Flynn, and Thomas Menino. Michael also developed a strong partnership with Mayor Martin Walsh which resulted in the development of a new and dynamic UCB campus. Michael is known for his willingness to offer counsel and his efforts to afford opportunities to anyone interested in government and community service. His passion has always been to help others and to better his community.

Michael's love of his community is only exceeded by his love for his family and friends. The son of Irish immigrant parents, Robert and Dora Taylor, Michael grew up in South Boston with his seven siblings: Martha, Doretta, Thomas, Colleen, Roberta, Mark, and Maureen. Michael and his wife Janet are the proud parents of their daughter Sara Taylor, who now resides in North Carolina. Michael is also proud of the role he played in the raising of his stepson Daniel Harlow and his nephew Thomas Taylor.

Although Michael is retiring after five decades in education, government and human services, his impact on the people of the City of Boston will last far longer.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to congratulate Mr. Michael Taylor on his retirement. I join his family and friends in celebrating his many contributions to the City of Boston. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his many decades of public service.

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MJ BETTER BOOKS, INC.

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 31, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize MJ Better Books, Inc. of Northglenn, Colorado for earning the City of Northglenn's Rookie Business of the Year Award.

The Rookie Business of the Year award recognizes a newly formed business that has been operating for less than two years and exemplifies innovation. MJ Better Books, Inc., founded by Miriam Nunez and Jamie Nunez, is passionate about helping small businesses and entrepreneurs be successful. With an emphasis on helping Hispanic and Spanish speaking businesses, MJ Better Books, Inc. is a valued newly established business in Northglenn.

Congratulations to MJ Better Books, Inc. for receiving this award and I wish them all the best in the future. I thank them for their contribution to our community.